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**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Amended) A hair curler simulating the appearance of a given animal, said hair curler comprising a body portion simulating a first part of the anatomy of the given animal, said body portion having two ends and being adapted to have hair wrapped about it between said two ends, an animal head portion attached to one end of the body portion and simulating a second part of the anatomy of the given animal different from the first part, and an animal hind portion attached to the other end of the body portion and simulating a third part of the anatomy of the given animal different from the first and second parts, said animal head portion having a different shape and appearance than said animal hind portion, and means for holding hair to the body portion.
2. (Cancelled) The hair curler of claim 1, including an animal hind portion attached to the body portion.
3. (Amended) The hair curler of claim 1, including an animal tail attached to the animal hind portion.
4. (Withdrawn) The hair curler of claim 3, wherein the animal tail comprises a bendable wire.
5. (Withdrawn) The hair curler of claim 4, wherein the bendable wire is covered with a fibrous material.
6. (Withdrawn + Amended) The hair curler of claim 1, wherein the animal hind portion is

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pivotably attached to the body portion and comprises an animal foreleg portion, an animal underbody portion and an animal hind quarter/hind leg portion, said animal hind portion comprising said means for holding hair to the body portion.

7. (Withdrawn + Amended) The hair curler of claim 6, including interengaging lips on the animal head portion and the animal hind portion for latching the animal hind portion to the animal head portion.

8. (Amended) The hair curler of claim 1, wherein the animal head portion and the animal hind portion are molded of a plastic material.

9. (Withdrawn + Amended) The hair curler of claim 6, wherein the body portion is cylindrically shaped and the animal underbody portion is curved to fit around a part of the cylindrically shaped body portion.

10. (Amended) The hair curler of claim 1, wherein the body portion comprises a mesh covered coil spring having two ends, said mesh covered coil spring comprises the holding means, the animal head portion being attached at one end of the body portion and the animal hind portion being attached at the other end of the body portion.

11. (Withdrawn) The hair curler of claim 1, wherein the animal hind portion is pivotably attached to the body portion, said holding means comprises said animal hind portion which is pivotable into engagement with the body portion for holding the hair to the body portion.

12. (Withdrawn + Amended) The hair curler of claim 1, including a tail attached to the animal

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hind portion and means for biasing the tail into engagement with the body portion, said tail and biasing means comprising the means for holding hair to the body portion.

13. (Amended) The hair curler of claim 1, wherein the given animal is one of a squirrel, rabbit, cat or kitten.

14. (Canceled) A hair curler comprising a first body portion about which hair is adapted to be wrapped, said first body portion having two ends, an animal head portion attached to one end of the first body portion, an animal body portion pivotably attached to the other end of the first body portion.

15. (Amended) A hair curler simulating the appearance of a given animal, said hair curler comprising a tubular body portion simulating a first part of the anatomy of the given animal, said body portion having two ends and being adapted to have hair wrapped about it between said two ends, an animal head portion attached to one end of the tubular body portion and simulating a second part of the anatomy of the given animal different from the first part, an animal hind portion attached to the other end of the tubular body portion and simulating a third part of the anatomy of the given animal different from the first and second parts, said animal head portion having a different shape and appearance than said animal hind portion, and means for holding hair to the tubular body portion.

16. (Original) The hair curler of claim 15, wherein the body portion is tubular shaped, the animal head portion being inserted in the one end of the tubular body portion and the animal hind

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portion being inserted in the other end of the tubular body portion.

17. (Amended) The hair curler of claim 16, wherein the body portion comprises a mesh covered coil spring surrounding a cylindrically shaped bristle brush, said mesh covered coil spring comprising the means for holding hair to the tubular body portion.

18. (Amended) The hair curler of claim 17, wherein said holding means further comprises a pin adapted to be passed through the mesh covered coil spring and bristle brush of the body.

19. (Previously Presented) The hair curler of claim 16, wherein the animal head and hind portions are molded of a plastic material.

20. (Previously Presented) The hair curler of claim 15, wherein the animal head portion comprises an animal head/forelegs form and the animal hind portion comprises an animal hind quarters/hind legs form.

21. (New) A hair curler simulating the appearance of a given animal, said hair curler comprising a hair curler body portion simulating a first part of the given animal, said hair curler body portion having two ends and being adapted to have hair wrapped about it between said two ends, an animal head portion attached to one end of the hair curler body portion and simulating a second part of the given animal different from the first part, and an animal hind portion attached to the other end of the hair curler body portion and simulating a third part of the given animal different from the first and second parts, said animal head portion having a different shape than said animal hind portion, and means for holding hair to the hair curler body portion.

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22. (New) The hair curler of claim 21, wherein the hair curler body portion comprises a mesh covered coil spring surrounding a cylindrically shaped bristle brush, a pin adapted to be passed through the mesh covered coil spring and bristle brush of the hair curler body portion, said mesh covered coil spring and pin comprising the means for holding hair to the hair curler body portion.